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OF

His Excellency

THE

GOVERNOR,

IN

COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST

CONTAINED IN THE

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

Honorable the Assembly,

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His Excellency the Governor.

GENTLEMEN,

PURSUANT to the suggestions which I had the honor to make in my public communication at the opening of the session, I now do myself the honor to lay before you a statement of the proceedings which have been adopted during the present war, in relation to the security and defence of this state by the militia. The statement is as minute and specific as the shortness of the intervening time, and the pressure of other official concerns, has permitted. I flatter myself this communication will be regarded, also, as a substantial and satisfactory compliance with the request contained in the resolutions of the honorable the Assembly, passed on the 5th instant.

In pursuance of the act of Congress, entitled "an act to authorise a detachment from the militia of the United States," passed the 10th day of April last, the President of the United States, by an order under date of April 15th, required the Commander in Chief of this state to detach, organize, and hold in readiness for public service, 13,500 militia, including officers, being our quota of the 100,000 men, provided for by the last mentioned act. Orders to that effect were accordingly issued without delay, and on the 18th day of June last, the said quota was organized into divisions, brigades and regiments, as will appear

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by the general orders upon that subject, a copy whereof, marked A, accompanies this message. Previously to that organization, and antecedently to the declaration of war, and, as I presume, in anticipation of that event, a communication was received from the Secretary of the War Department, announcing a requisition, by the President, of a detachment of the militia of this state, for the protection and defence of the northern frontier thereof, and requesting me to issue the necessary orders for that purpose. From four to six hundred men were to be stationed at Niagara; two hundred at Oswego, and from six to eight hundred at some convenient place near the mouth of Black river; with authority for me to make such alteration in the apportionment as I should judge proper. Upon the receipt of that order, measures were immediately taken to carry it into effect. Major-General Widrig was directed to detach from that part of his division composed of Oneida, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, 600 men, to be stationed at Sackett's harbor. Brigadier-Generals Ellis, Hurd and Miller, of Onondaga, Madison and Cortland counties, were to furnish their quotas of 400 men, to be stationed at Oswego; and Major-General Hall was directed to detach and organize 600 men, including officers, from his division, composed of the infantry in the counties of Cayuga, Seneca, Ontario, Steuben, Genesee, Niagara, Chautauque and Cattaraugus, to proceed to Niagara. The whole number required for Niagara were volunteers, and all, except one company, were volunteers, under the act of Congress of the 6th of February last. The last mentioned volunteers, amounting to 170 men, are still in service at Black Rock. The detachment destined for Sackett's harbor mustered about 480 men, including officers: They served ninety days, and were then relieved. One company of the detachment for Oswego consisted of volunteers under the act of Congress, passed the 6th of February, 1812; and the residue were volunteers generally. The above mentioned detachments were

not organized and in service, until the month of May last.

The official notice of the declaration of war was not accompanied by any further requisition or direction to reinforce the detachments above mentioned, or to station troops on the Champlain frontier, the inhabitants of which were imminently exposed, both to invasion by the enemy and to the depredations of savages. I did not, therefore, hesitate to decide, that an emergency existed which not only authorised, but imperiously required me to exercise the discretion confided to the Commander in Chief by the sixty-eighth section of the militia law of this state; and accordingly the detached militia of Washington, Essex, Clinton and Franklin, and one company of Lieutenant-Colonel Thorn's regiment of artillery, were placed under the command of General Mooers, for the purpose of extending protection to the inhabitants of the Champlain frontier. The troops previously stationed at Niagara were directed to be reinforced by the detached quota of Ontario, Genesee and Niagara counties; and to the end that competent security might be afforded to the counties of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence, the detached militia of those counties and of Oneida, together with the troops previously posted at Sackett's harbor, were placed under the command of General Jacob Brown. A small reinforcement of volunteer uniform corps was also sent to Oswego. Upon being advised of those arrangements, the President of the United States approved and confirmed them; and the troops were thereafter considered in the service of the United States, and have been paid accordingly. Additional quantities of arms and ammunition, and all the camp equipage under my control, were forwarded immediately to the frontier arsenals and posts.

Very few of the militia were called upon for the safety of New-York or Long-Island, until the 27th day of August last, when, in consequence of a requisition for that purpose, a company of volunteer militia

of that city, and sundry independent uniform companies of the city of Albany, and of the cities and villages on the margin of the Hudson, amounting in the whole to about 530 men, including officers, were stationed in the state fortifications at the Narrows. Their time of service will expire on the 27th instant, as they were called out upon a requisition made under, and pursuant to the act of Congress, passed 22d February, 1795, and are not, therefore, liable to serve more than ninety days after arriving at the place of their destination.

In consequence of other requisitions, the first and second detached regiments of infantry; the greatest part of the first brigade of state artillery; one company of riflemen, and a volunteer troop of cavalry, were directed to take the field on the 15th day of September last, for the protection of the city of New-York and its vicinity. A small force has also been deemed necessary for the safety of the inhabitants of Suffolk county.

Upon several similar requisitions, the ninth detached regiment of militia; three small companies of light infantry; two additional companies of artillery, and one troop of cavalry, and a company of riflemen, were marched to the northern frontier, and are stationed in Clinton and Franklin counties. Some of the companies were volunteers for one year's service. The infantry marched about the sixteenth, and the residue of the troops on the 19th of September. The fourth detached brigade of infantry, with one company of horse artillery, and four companies of foot artillery, upon the like requisition and orders, marched to the north-western frontier about the first day of September, and are stationed at Sackett's harbor, Cape Vincent and Ogdensburgh.

The 6th and 7th brigades of the detached militia, and several independent companies, have, in like manner, been called into service for the security of the western frontier. The result is, that of volunteers for one year; volunteers and militia detached for six

months service, and corps called upon for three months, pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, passed 22d February, 1795, there are now in actual service, according to the best estimate I am able to make at present, the following numbers of the militia of this state, viz:

At New-York, and on Long and Staten Islands,	2,200
At Plattsburgh and the frontier towns of Clinton and Franklin counties,	1,300
At Sackett's harbor, Cape Vincent, Ogdensburgh, and elsewhere on the St. Lawrence, about	2,100
At Oswego,	450
At Buffalo, Black Rock, Schlosser, &c.	2,250

The militia and regulars on the Niagara station were at first commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Philetus Swift, then by Brigadier-General Wadsworth, afterwards, for a short time, by Major-General Hall, and, upon and after his arrival, by Major-General Van Rensselaer, all of the militia. The troops at Oswego have, from the time of their arrival at that post, been commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel George Fleming, of the militia. The detachment in service at Sackett's harbor before the war, was under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Bellinger, of the militia. After the war, and the arrival of reinforcements, the detachments from the army and militia on the frontier, extending from Sackett's harbor to St. Regis, were commanded by Brigadier-General Brown, of the militia, until the arrival of the fourth detached brigade of militia, when the commandant of that brigade, General Dodge, being the senior officer, assumed and now holds the command of the last mentioned district of frontier.—Brigadier-General Pettit commands the militia at Plattsburgh and its vicinity, but General Bloomfield, of the army, being superior in rank, has, since the month of September, had the superintending command of the whole force on that station. The corps formed of independent companies, stationed at

the Narrows, is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Swartwout, of the militia. That part of the first brigade of artillery in service, is under Brigadier-General Morton, of the militia. The first and second detached regiments of infantry, with the riflemen and cavalry, are commanded by Lieutenant-Colonels Jonas Mapes and Beekman M. Van Beuren, of the militia; and the whole are under the superintending command of General Armstrong, of the army, who is the superior officer in service on the New-York station.

There are sundry requisitions, orders and other papers, relating to the militia, in the possession of the Adjutant-General, whose absence from the seat of government prevents my having immediate access to them. But the preceding statement, and the documents hereto annexed, will, I hope, amply explain the authority and principles upon which the militia have been called into service, the object of their service; the times when they were called upon; the principal general orders and instructions which have been issued and given; the number now in actual service; where stationed, and by whom commanded.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

Albany, November 11, 1812.

[DOCUMENT A.]

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, 13th June, 1812.

THE Militia, directed by General Orders of the 21st day of April last, to be detached from Brigades and organized into regiments, are, by order of the commander in chief, hereby definitively arranged into eight brigades, to be denominated the 1st, 2d, 3d,

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and two divisions, to be called the first and second of the detachment.

The 1st Brigade is composed of the Regiments detached from Major-Gen'ls. Cole's division.

2d	-	-	-	Hathorn's	do.
3d	-	-	-	Mooers'	do.
4th	-	-	-	Veeder's & Todd's	do.
5th	-	-	-	Widrig's	do.
6th	-	-	-	King's	do.
7th	-	-	-	Hall's	do.

8th is composed of the regiment of Cavalry organized under the command of Lieut. Col. George D. Wickham, by general orders of the 15th instant, of a regiment of Light Infantry, and a regiment of Riflemen.

The first division shall comprise the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, and the second division the 1st, 2d and 3d brigades, and the regiment of Artillery organized under the command of Lieut. Colonel Stephen Thorn, by general orders of the 15th instant.

Major General Stephen Van Rensselaer, of Albany, is assigned to the command of the first, and Major-General Benjamin Mooers, of Plattsburgh, Clinton county, to the second division; and the following Brigadier-Generals are assigned to the command of the respective brigades.

To the 1st Gerard Steddiford, of the city of New-York.
2d, Reuben Hopkins, of Goshen, Orange county.
3d, Micajah Petitt, of Queensbury, Washington county.
4th, Richard Dodge, of Johnstown, Montgomery county.
5th, Jacob Brown, of Brown-Ville, Jefferson county.
6th, Daniel Miller, of Homer, Cortlandt county.
7th, William Wadsworth, of Genesee, Ontario county.
8th, George M'Clure, of Bath, Steuben county.

The Lieutenant-Colonels herein after named, are assigned in the following manner, to the command of regiments belonging to the preceding brigades; which regiments shall be numbered from one to twenty, inclusive.

To the Regiments of the 1st Brigade.

1st, Beekman Van Beuren, of the city of New-York.
2d, Jonas Mapes, of the city of New-York.
3d, John Ditmis, of Jamaica, Queens county.

To the Regiments of the 2d Brigade.

4th, Abraham I. Hardenburgh, of Shawangunk, Ulster county.
5th, Martin Hearmance, of Rhinebeck, Dutchess county.
6th, Abraham Van Wyck, of Fishkill, Dutchess county.

To the Regiments of the 3d Brigade.

7th. James Green, of Arguyle, Washington county.
8th, Thomas Miller, of Plattsburgh, Clinton county.
9th, Peter I. Vosburgh, of Kinderhook, Columbia county.

To the Regiments of the 4th Brigade.

10th, John Prior, of Greenfield, Saratoga county, and
11th, Calvin Rich, of Sharon, Schoharie county, are to be attached to the regiments from Gen. Veeder's division.
12th, John T. Van Dalfsen, of Coeymans, Albany county, and
13th, Putnam Tarrington, of Delhi, Delaware county.

To the Regiments of the 5th Brigade.

14th, William Stone, of Whitestown, Oneida county.
15th, Thomas B. Benedict, of De Calb, St. Lawrence county.

To the Regiments of the 6th Brigade.

16th, Farrand Stranahan, of Cooperstown, Otsego county.
17th, Thompson Mead, of Norwich, Chenango county.

To the Regiments of the 7th Brigade.

16th, Hugh W. Dobbin, of Junius, Seneca county.
19th, Henry Bloom, of Genoa, Cayuga county.
20th, Peter Allen, of Bloomfield, Ontario county.

To the Regiments of the 8th Brigade.

The regiment of Light Infantry, Jeremiah Johnson, of Brooklyn, Kings county.
The regiment of Riflemen, Francis M'Clure, of New-York.

The following Majors have been assigned to the regiments of the 3d Brigade of the detachment.

The Seventh Regiment.

Christian Sackrider, of Sandy-Hill, Washington county, 1st Major.
Joseph Taylor, of Hartford, Washington county, 2d Major.

The Eighth Regiment.

Melancton Smith, of Plattsburgh, Clinton county, 1st Major.
Ransom Noble, of Essex, Essex county, 2d Major.

The Ninth Regiment.

William Tanner, of Hillsdale, Columbia county, 1st Major.
Tisdale Eddy, of Rensselaer county, 2d Major.

To the aforesaid detached brigades, the Commander in Chief is pleased to assign the following staff officers.

To the First Brigade.

Theophilus Pierce, of the city of New-York, Brigade-Major and Inspector.
Charles Graham, of the city of New-York, Brigade Quarter Master.

The Second Brigade.

John Dill, of Shawangunk, Ulster county, Brigade-Major and Inspector.

Robert Heartt, of Orange Town, Rockland county, Brigade-Quarter-Master.

The Third Brigade.

Michael S. Vander Cook, of Pittstown, Rensselaer county, Brigade-Major and Inspector.

Dean Edson, of Essex, county of Essex, Brigade-Quarter-Master.

The Fourth Brigade.

Moses I. Cantine, of Catskill, Greene county, Brigade Major and Inspector.

Leonard H. Gansevoort, of Northumberland, Saratoga county, Brigade Quarter-Master.

The Fifth Brigade.

Robert Shoemaker, of German-Flatts, Herkimer county, Brigade Major and Inspector.

Henry Seymour, of Pompey, Onondaga county, Brigade Quarter-Master.

The Sixth Brigade.

Thomas Greenly, of Hamilton, Madison county, Brigade Major and Inspector.

Nathaniel R. Packard, of Cherry-Valley, Otsego county, Brigade Quarter-Master.

The Seventh Brigade.

Julius Keyes, of Clarence, Niagara county, Brigade Major and Inspector.

Henry Wells, of Elmira, Tioga county, Brigade Quarter-Master.

The Eighth Brigade.

Joseph Lord, of Canaan, Columbia county, Brigade Major and Inspector.

Jeremiah Anderson, of Harrison, Westchester county, Brigade Quarter-Master.

The General of divisions and brigades are to select their aids-de-camp, and the Lieutenant-Colonels their regimental staffs; and every officer commanding a detached regiment shall forthwith transmit to the Adju-

tant-General, a roster of the names and places of residence of the field and staff officers; an accurate inspection return and correct copies of the muster rolls of the companies and troops thereof, and shall also convey an exact copy of the said inspection return, to the commander of the brigade to which his corps is attached, who shall immediately thereafter make out an inspection return of his brigade, and send it to the general of the division, that he may in due season transmit to the Commander in Chief an inspection return thereof. And muster rolls and inspection returns of companies and troops who shall have volunteered their services, under the act of Congress, of the 6th of February last, must be promptly transmitted to the Adjutant-General, that such corps may be organized and officers assigned, by subsequent orders, to command them.

The commanding officer of each division of infantry, of this state, shall without delay, indicate to every Lieutenant-Colonel herein named, for that purpose, the particular regiment of those detached from the division he is to command, and shall immediately communicate to him the names and places of residence of the Majors who have been or may be assigned to every such regiment.

The Generals commanding the first and second division of the detachment, will, as soon as possible, inform the Adjutant-General of the names and places of residence of their respective aids-de-camp.

By order of the commander in chief.

(Signed.) WILLIAM PAULDING, Jun.

Adjutant General.

[DOCUMENT B.]

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, April 2, 1812.

The Commander in Chief is required by the President of the United States to order into service, for the defence and protection of the frontiers of the state, detachments of the militia thereof, to be stationed at Niagara, Oswego, and near the mouth of the Black river. Major-General Widrig will, therefore, without delay detach from his division, (excluding the Onondaga bridgade) six hundred men, including officers, and will organize them into eight companies; will assign the captains and subalterns, and will have them ready to march at a moment's warning. He will also report to the Commander in Chief one Lieutenant-Colonel and two Majors, whom he can recommend, to be assigned to the command of the detachment. Should any company of artillery, or a part thereof, exceeding thirty men, uniformed and equipped, volunteer their services, they will be accepted and organized as part of the above mentioned detachment, and will be equipped with field pieces, implements and ammunition, by the state. The above mentioned detachment will be stationed near the mouth of the Black river. Major-General Widrig will also require Brigadier-General Ellis to furnish from his brigade, and have in readiness to march to Oswego, at a moment's warning, two companies of infantry, or one company of artillery, of not less than forty men, and one company of infantry, of one hundred men, including officers; the latter to have one captain, two lieutenants, and one ensign; or, if there be two companies of infantry, of the ordinary number, then each company to have one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Ensign, to be assigned by General Ellis. The places of rendezvous for the detachment from each brigade, are to be

fixed by the respective Brigadier-Generals, and reported to the respective Major-Generals.

Major-General King will detach from the Madison and Cortlandt brigades of infantry, two hundred and fifty men, to be in readiness to march to Oswego, whenever orders to that effect may be received; and to organize them into three companies, with one Captain, one Lieutenant and one Ensign, to each company.

The detachments from Onondaga, Madison and Cortlandt counties, will, upon their arrival at Oswego, be formed into one corps, to be commanded by a field officer whom the Commander in Chief will assign for that purpose.

Major-General Hall will forthwith detach from the seventh division of infantry under his command, six hundred men, including officers, and will organize them into eight companies, and assign Captains and subalterns to command the companies. The detachment from his division will be directed to rendezvous in such parcels, and at such places, as he shall designate; and will from thence proceed to the post of Niagara. Lieutenant-Colonel Philetus Swift will take command of the detachment from the seventh division. The Commandant of the Genesee brigade will detach one Major, and the Commandant of the Niagara brigade one other Major, who, together with Lieutenant-Colonel Swift, will compose the field officers of the detachment. The regimental staff will be selected by the Commandant of the detachment, and be reported to the Major-General.

The officers who are charged with the execution of this General Order are instructed to be prompt and vigilant in its execution, and to encourage by all lawful means volunteers for the detachments. The Commander in Chief cherishes a lively hope that the patriotic and brave spirit which pervades the divisions from which the above detachments are to be taken, will immediately fill the required quota with volunteers.

Volunteers under, and pursuant to the act of Con-

gress of the 6th of February, authorising the President to accept the services of volunteers, will be preferred; and the general and field officers will accept such volunteers accordingly, as part of the detachments.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ANTHONY LAMB, *Aid-de-Camp.*

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, City of New-York, 21st April, 1812.

In conformity with instructions from the President of the United States, bearing date the 15th instant, the Commander in Chief directs that *thirteen thousand five hundred* of the militia of this state, including officers, be forthwith detached from the several brigades thereof, in the following proportions:

The first Brigade of Infantry,		150
2d	- -	460
3d	- -	580
4th	- -	160
5th	- -	240
7th	- -	390
8th	- -	430
9th	- -	330
10th	- -	550
11th	- -	510
12th	- -	430
13th	- -	340
14th	- -	270
15th	- -	350
16th	- -	260
17th	- -	230
18th	- -	270
19th	- -	220
20th	- -	340
21st	- -	160

The 22d Brigade of Infantry,		320
23d	- -	320
24th	- -	300
25th	- -	310
26th	- -	230
27th	- -	270
28th	- -	230
29th	- -	110
30th	- -	310
31st	- -	230
32d	- -	340
33d	- -	290
34th	- -	370
35th	- -	120
36th	- -	50
37th	- -	350
38th	- -	190
39th	- -	210
40th	- -	300
		11,700

The first Brigade of Cavalry,		235
2d	- -	250
3d	- -	190
		675

The first Brigade of Artillery,		450
2d	- -	300
3d	- -	375
		1125

Every division of infantry may furnish one tenth of its quota in riflemen, to be properly organized into distinct corps.

The commanding officer of each brigade shall make an equitable apportionment, among the respective corps thereof, of the brigade requisition; and will

oganize the same into companies and troops, to the command of which he is to assign the most respectable, active and enterprizing, of the captains and subalterns of his brigade. These companies and troops shall be formed into battalions, squadrons and regiments, and the *Majors* thereof assigned by the General of Division, who is especially charged to select for that service officers of approved capacity and merit. The companies and troops detached and organized are to be arranged in the manner following:

Those from the	1st	Division of Infantry into	3	Reg'ts.
-	2d	-	3	-
-	3d	-	3	-
-	4th	-	2	-
-	5th	-	2	-
-	6th	-	2	-
-	7th	-	3	-
-	8th	-	2	-

Those from the Division of Cavalry into 1 Regiment.

The detachment from the first brigade of artillery will be organized into two battalions of three companies each; one of which battalions will be commanded by Major Robert Swartwout, and the other by Major John Bleecker, the senior of whom will furnish a muster roll and an inspection return of the said detachment, to the Adjutant-General; and will report to the officer of the United States, commanding in the harbor of New-York. The detachment from the second brigade of artillery will be organized into one battalion of four companies, to the command of which one Major of that brigade will be assigned by the Major-General. Should any company or other corps of artillery, cavalry, infantry or riflemen, volunteer as part of the detachment, such company or corps will continue to be commanded in the detachment by the officers under, and with whom the said company or corps shall volunteer.

Companies and troops shall consist, as nearly as may be practicable, of *seventy-five men each, officers inclu-*

ded: four of these will constitute a battalion or squadron. A regiment of infantry or artillery is to comprise two battalions, and a regiment of cavalry two squadrons.

The detachments hereby required to be drawn out from the militia, are in every respect to be organized, armed and equipped, according to law, and for actual service; and will hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning. And whenever the detachment and organization shall have been effected, the respective corps are to be exercised by the officers assigned to command them; but are not to remain imbodied, or considered in actual service, until by subsequent orders they shall be commanded to take the field.

Immediately after this general order shall have been received by the commanding officers of divisions and brigades, they will proceed to execute it. And as soon as the various detachments herein mentioned have been duly organized into companies and troops, the commandants thereof are to make out and deliver correct muster rolls and inspection returns of the same, to the officer assigned to the command of the regiment into which those companies and troops shall have been formed; and the officer commanding every such regiment shall, immediately thereafter, transmit an accurate inspection return thereof, and exact copies of the said muster rolls, to the Adjutant-General's office, at the Capitol, in the city of Albany.

The Commander in Chief, confiding in the known zeal, intelligence and public spirit of the militia, cherishes a confident expectation, that both officers and soldiers will cheerfully emulate each other in tendering their voluntary services to defend their country, and in promptly carrying this order into full effect.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WM. PAULDING, Jun.

Adjutant-General.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, April 28th, 1812.

The detachment destined for Oswego and Niagara, by general orders of the second day of April instant, are directed forthwith to proceed to the respective stations assigned them by those general orders. The Quarter-Master-General has been directed to make the necessary arrangements for the transportation of the troops from the places of rendezvous to their respective places of encampment, and for their accommodation after their arrival; and the contractors have been required to furnish rations. Should there be any failure on the part of either of these departments, the commandants of the respective detachments are empowered and required to cause the deficiencies to be supplied upon as economical terms as may be practicable, and to report the same to the Commander in Chief.

It is earnestly enjoined upon the officers and soldiers of the detachment to conduct on their march, and after their arrival at the several posts, in the most conciliatory, orderly and respectful manner, towards the inhabitants, and towards the regular troops with whom they may be associated, and to demean themselves in all things as becomes patriotic citizen soldiers. From the moment of their assemblage they will be subject to the Rules and Articles of War, which the commanding officer of each detachment is directed to cause to be read to the corps on their arrival at the place of encampment, and to cause one copy thereof to be kept constantly at the encampment, in some proper place, where every person belonging to the detachment may have access to it. The commandants of the detachments will cause them to be assiduously and industriously disciplined and manœuvered, and will pay strict attention to the health of those under their command, and for that purpose

will exercise a rigid superintendence over the conduct of all the staff officers.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ANTHONY LAMB,
Lieut. Col. and Aid-de-Camp.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, 15th June, 1812.

Major-General Stevens having assigned Major Samuel Slee to command the battalion of artillery detached from the second brigade, and Major Peter C. Fox to the command of the battalion detached from the 3d brigade of his division, pursuant to general orders of the 21st day of April last, the said battalions are hereby formed into a regiment, and the following field and staff officers assigned to a command therein:

Stephen Thorn, of Granville, Washington County, Lieut. Col. Commd't.

Peter C. Fox, of Palatine, Montgomery County, 1st Major.

Samuel Slee, of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, 2d Major.

Francis Adincourt, of Troy, Rensselaer County, Adjutant.

John McLean, junior, of the City of Albany, Quarter-Master.

Clement Moore, of the City of New-York, Pay-Master.

Samuel Rawley, of Granville, Washington County, Chaplain.

Jonathan Hedges, of Newburgh, Orange County, Surgeon.

Josephus B. Stewart, of the City of Albany, Surgeon's Mate.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thorn is required to cause muster rolls and inspection returns of the said detach-

ed regiment to be immediately communicated to the Adjutant-General.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, jun.

Adjutant-General.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, 15th June, 1812.

The cavalry detached in conformity to general orders of the 21st day of April last, will be formed by the Major-General of that corps into three squadrons, to compose a regiment, to which the following officers are hereby attached:

George D. Wickham, of Goshen, Orange county, Lieut. Col. Commd't.

James Warner, of the city of New-York,
Theodore Ross, of Elizabethtown, Essex county,
Septimus Evans, of Geneva, Ontario county,
} Majors

Henry Arcularius, of the city of New-York, Adjutant.

Myrtle B. Hitchcock, of Kingsbury, Washington county, Quarter-Master.

Walter Willis, of the city of New-York, Pay-Master.

Philip Duryee, of Stillwater, Saratoga county, Chaplain.

Charles Little, of Avon, Ontario county, Surgeon.

Henry White, of Yorktown, Westchester county, Surgeon's Mate.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wickham will cause muster rollsand inspection returns for the said regiment, forthwith to be furnished to the Adjutant-General.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, jun.

Adjutant-General.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, June 27, 1812.

The Commander in Chief is required by the President to order into service, upon the requisition of General Bloomfield, for the defence of the southern frontier of thiss tate, a part of the detachment of 13,500 men. Major-General Stevens will, therefore, by division orders, require General Morton to order out, upon the requisition aforesaid, such part of the detachment from his brigade of artillery as may not already have been called upon for that purpose; and in case of invasion of any part of the southern district of this state, he will, by virtue of this order, consider himself fully authorised to call out immediately the whole of the said brigade for the purpose of repelling such invasion.

General Stevens is also required to devise and announce before hand, a plan for assembling the artillery detachment, and also the whole brigade, most expeditiously, upon a sudden emergency; to fix the respective places of rendezvous for the detachments, and their line of march to their respective places of destination, so as not to interfere or retard each other. Much reliance is placed by the Commander in Chief in the intelligence, experience and patriotism, of Major-General Stevens, and upon his devotedness to render important services to his country in the present trying crisis; and his Excellency confidently hopes that the General will exert his talents, his influence and his official authority, to produce a vigorous prosecution of the war, as the most certain mean of ensuring a speedy, honorable, and prosperous termination of it, and a consequent happy and durable peace.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, Jun.
Adjutant-General.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, June 27th, 1812.

The Commander in Chief is desired by the President to order into service, upon the requisition of General Bloomfield, a part of the detachment of 13,500 of the militia of this state. Major-General Van Rensselaer will, therefore, without delay, direct Brigadier-General Giles, upon such requisition, to order into service the detachment from Lieutenant-Colonel Jacob Odle's regiment of cavalry, and in anticipation of, and preparatory to such requisition, to fix upon the mode of communicating to the detachment the speediest notice thereof; to establish the places of rendezvous for the several troops of the detachment, and to give notice thereof to the officers; to prescribe the route of march to the place of destination, and to make and announce all other necessary preparatory arrangements for the most speedy assemblage, and for the greatest usefulness of the said detachment, whenever General Bloomfield shall make the said requisition.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, Jun.

Adjutant-General.

Albany, June 23d, 1812.

I am officially informed that war is declared between the kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland and its dependencies, and the United States of America and the territories thereof.

You will see by the enclosed papers, that I have assigned you a Major-General of that part of the detachment of 13,500 men which is on the east side of the Hudson, and in Rockland, Ulster and Orange counties, on the west side. I expect much from your influence, experience and patriotism. Col.

Miller and Major Smith, of your place, are also assigned and will be under your orders. I have also ordered Brigadier-General Pettit to repair to Plattsburgh, and receive your orders and directions. It would also be well to keep up a communication and understanding with the officers on the Vermont side of the Lake. Additional arms, ammunition, &c. leave this to-morrow morning for your quarter, and will proceed without a moment's delay. The proportion of the 13,500, detached from Washington, Essex, Clinton and Franklin, are subject to your division orders, by virtue hereof, whenever you may think proper to call on them; you also know that by the Militia law you may order out the whole militia of your division, whether belonging to the detachment or not, in case of invasion. Every thing on my part shall be done to forward whatever may be necessary to render the inhabitants of Franklin and Clinton counties perfectly safe. I rely upon your best efforts and upon the patriotism of every good citizen to afford every possible assistance.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Major-General Benjamin Mooers.

Albany, June 23d, 1312.

War is declared by the United States, against the kingdom of Great-Britain, and Ireland and its dependencies. You will therefore be vigilant and attentive to the safety of the frontier of Onondaga. You are by this letter authorised to order out Major Moseley's battalion of riflemen, (two companies) Captain Mulholland's company of artillery, or any other part of the volunteers or detached troops of your brigade, to reinforce the Oswego detachment, upon the requisition of the commandant of that post. Should Col. Fleming accept the office of Commissary, to which

he is appointed, Lt. Col. Erastus Cleveland, of Madison county, will succeed him in that command.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Brig. General John Ellis.

Albany, June 23d, 1812.

You will please to order out immediately, and send on, in such small detachments as can be accommodated on the road, the troops detached from Ontario, Genesee and Niagara, as part of the 13,500 men. They may be equipped from the Arsenal with arms and ammunition; their clothing and blankets must be found by themselves. Camp kettles and other camp equipage will be forwarded immediately. Every officer and every citizen, who values the safety of his fellow-citizens on the frontier, and the dignity and honor of his country, will exert himself to the utmost, to inspire mutual confidence, to obviate as much as possible, the difficulties incident to the assemblage of militia detachments, and by every possible act of kindness, to assist and expedite the movements of the brave men who turn out in behalf of their country. General Wadsworth is ordered into service, and will take the command, for the present, of the detachment already out, and of the troops which may be ordered into service on the Niagara frontier.

The declaration of war between the kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland and its dependencies and the United States, which declaration is enclosed, will call for the service of officers of a higher grade than Brigadier-General, in a short time, and you will please to hold yourself in readiness accordingly. The troops are of course to act offensively whenever an opportunity presents, and the commanding officer may deem it to be for the good of the country.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Major-General Amos Hall.

Albany, June 23d, 1812.

War is declared between the United States and their territories, and the united kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof. This event will call forth the energies of every friend to his country, and more especially of those officers who are assigned to command the military forces. You will have received, ere this, the general order, assigning you to the command of one of the brigades detached from the militia of this state, in anticipation of the event which is now announced. Our militia law makes provision for calling out the brigade you now command, in case of invasion. And you are hereby empowered to reinforce Col. Bellinger's with the militia detachment from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, and to arm them and equip them at the state arsenals at Russel and Watertown, if in your opinion, the safety of the inhabitants or any important object to be accomplished, shall require it. I place much reliance on your vigilance, abilities and valor in protecting our frontier inhabitants, until the arrival of further troops and supplies, which will be forwarded with the utmost practicable expedition.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Brig. General Brown.

P. S. Lieut. Col. Benedict will turn out with the St. Lawrence detachment immediately, to guard the frontier from Ogdensburgh to St. Regis, and station them as may be best calculated for that purpose; they may arm from the Russel arsenal.

Albany, June 27th, 1812.

I have ordered the detachment from De Ridder's brigade to assemble at Salem on the 7th of July, and from thence to proceed to Plattsburgh. The detachment from Pettit's assembles at Sandy-Hill on the 6th July, and from thence proceeds to Plattsburgh. Lieu-

tenant-Colonel Thorn is directed to have one company of artillery ready to proceed with De Ridder's detachment and Lieutenant-Colonel Fitzgerald has orders to send one company of cavalry. The Essex detachment is also ordered into service, and is to proceed to Plattsburgh. The whole are to report themselves to you, and receive and obey your orders. One hundred and forty tents, sixty camp kettles and forty pails, will come on with the detachments: these, together with the muskets, cannon and ammunition, camp kettles and knapsacks, forwarded by Major Mills, and antecedently at Plattsburgh, will, I trust, answer every temporary purpose—at any rate, they are all which I can furnish at present. The above mentioned force and equipments, added to the regular troops at Plattsburgh, and the Clinton and Franklin militia, will, I hope, be ample for the protection of the Champlain frontier for the present. I place great reliance upon your experience, influence and military zeal, in the disposition and use of the troops which will be under your command.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Major-General Benj'n. Mooers.

Albany, June 29, 1812.

The detachment from General De Ridder's brigade of infantry is ordered into service, to rendezvous at Salem on the 7th of July, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and from thence to proceed to Plattsburgh, in Clinton county, for the protection of the frontier between Lake Champlain and St. Regis. General De Ridder is authorised to receive one company of artillery, detached or volunteers, instead of so many of the infantry detachments. You will, therefore, exert yourself to have a company of volunteers, or detached artillery, at Salem, at the day and hour aforesaid, to proceed upon the service above mentioned.

As no more than one company is required at present from your numerous and extensive regiment of artillery, I cannot for a moment doubt that you will be able to obtain the necessary volunteers from the artillery. Captain Campbell, the bearer hereof, or his agent, will be at Salem on the day appointed, to attend to the transportation of the baggage, &c. and to defray the expenses of the troops on their journey to Plattsburgh. Tents and camp kettles will also be there for their use. My advice, however, is, for them to proceed in small parties, without using tents or cooking for themselves, so that lodging and other accommodations may be obtained and paid for on the road. For a prompt compliance with this first requisition which I have ever had occasion to make for the services of any part of your regiment, I rely upon your experience, influence and patriotic zeal.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Thorn.

Albany, July 2d, 1812.

I received your letter last evening, and beg leave to inform you, that last week I sent on about 540 muskets to Canandaigua, making the supply at Canandaigua and Batavia 3000; and this day an additional quantity of 500 leaves this for Canandaigua. With the last parcel have gone fixed ammunition, powder, some camp kettles, tents, drums and fifes, knapsacks and cartridge paper. 250 muskets, and some ammunition, have also been forwarded to Steuben by Mr. Townsend. Cannon ball, with some case, grape and canister for three and six pounders, are also on their way to Canandaigua, with the exception of tents, of which there are none yet here. The preceding supply will be ample, with what Captain Leonard may have at the fort, for the protection of Niagara frontier. I hope you will exert yourself for the pro-

tection of the frontiers, and, amongst other things, supply some arms and ammunition to the people south of Buffaloe, in Chautauque and Cattaraugus. We shall have our hands full; but I calculate upon the energy and bravery of the officers and soldiers of the western country, for efficient protection of the inhabitants of the frontier, until regular troops shall approach the lines. In all cases where your personal services, by proceeding with detachments to the frontier or otherwise, will be useful, go, and you shall receive Major-General's pay while out, but not rations.

I am, &c.

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

To Major-General Amos Hall.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany July 13, 1812.

Major-General Stephen Van Rensselaer having been requested to repair to the command of the militia, heretofore ordered into the service, and to be hereafter ordered into the service of the United States, for the defence of the northern and western frontiers of this state, between St. Regis and Pennsylvania, enters upon his command this day. All the militia comprehended in the brigades of detached militia, organized into the first detached division, by general orders of the 18th day of June last, together with the corps commanded by Lieutenant-Colonels Fleming, Swift and Bellinger, are hereby declared to be subject to the division orders of Major-General Van Rensselaer, without waiting for further general orders on that subject. And all officers commanding the militia, from which the first detached division was taken, are promptly to obey and respect such division orders accordingly.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, Jun.

Adjutant-General.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, August 13, 1812.

In pursuance of a requisition, by the authority of the President of the United States, the fourth brigade of detached militia of the state of New-York, embracing that portion of the quota of the said state, comprehended in the counties of Albany, Saratoga, Greene, Delaware, Schoharie, Schenectady and Montgomery, except as herein after mentioned, is hereby ordered into service, to assemble and rendezvous respectively on the 24th day of August instant, by eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the manner and at the places following, viz.—That part of the said detached brigade comprehended in the county of Saratoga, to rendezvous at the inn of Zera Beach, in the town of Ball-town, in said county—that part of the said brigade which is in Montgomery county, and north of the Mohawk river, will rendezvous at Johnstown; and the residue of the Montgomery detachment, being that part south of the Mohawk river, will rendezvous at the village of Little-Falls, in Herkimer county—that part of the said detached brigade taken from the 14th brigade of infantry, commanded by Brigadier-General Mackey, to rendezvous at the court-house in Schenectady—and that part detached from the 31st brigade of infantry, commanded by Brigadier-General Trotter, will assemble and rendezvous at the Arsenal, in the town of Colonie, near the city of Albany—the detachment from the 37th brigade of infantry, commanded by Brigadier-General Haight, will rendezvous at the village of Cairo, in the county of Greene—the detachment from the county of Delaware will rendezvous at the court-house of said county, in Delhi—and the detachment from the county of Schoharie will rendezvous at Middleburgh, in said county. The non-commissioned officers and privates must be completely equipped, by being respectively furnished with their own clothing, and with a musket

or rifle, cartridge-box, knapsack, blanket and canteen. Tents, camp-kettles, and the means of transporting baggage, will be provided by the public, and will be in readiness on the day and at the places of rendezvous. General Dodge will assign the particular houses in Middleburgh, Cairo and Little-Falls, at which the Schoharie, Greene and south Montgomery detachments will assemble.

The volunteers, or men drafted from the militia, of the towns of Wells and Lake Pleasant, in the county of Montgomery; from Birdsall's company of riflemen, in Watervliet; from the Albany Volunteers, the Albany Republican Greens, Captain Cobb's rifle company, Captain Marshall's rifle company, at New-Baltimore; and from the light infantry companies of Cattskill and Athens, are excepted from and will not rendezvous with the fourth detached brigade above mentioned, but will march with their said respective companies as will be directed by future general orders.

Captain Waterman's company of artillery, of Ballstown, in Saratoga county, will rendezvous with the Saratoga detachment, and will march from thence under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Prior, and with his regiment. Brigadier-General Dodge will cause the brigade to be mustered as soon as possible, and report the state thereof to Major-General Dearborn, at his head-quarters, at Greenbush, in Rensselaer county, and will receive and obey his instructions with respect to the destination and time of march of the brigade.

As the object of calling the present detachment into service is as well to relieve a regiment of militia which has been in service at Sackett's harbor and Ogdensburgh ever since the month of May last, as to protect and defend our brethren on the north-western frontier of this state from any incursions of the enemy, or cruel depredations of savages, the Commander in Chief cherishes a confident hope that not a man will shrink from the performance of a duty so impressive and patriotic.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, 13th August, 1812.

The 19th detached regiment of militia of this state, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Bloom, being part of General William Wadsworth's detached brigade, pursuant to the directions of the President of the United States, is hereby ordered into the service of the United States, and is to repair to Lewiston or Black Rock, and receive and obey the orders of the commanding officer in the service of the United States at that frontier. The regiment will rendezvous in battalions or by regiment, as may be directed by Brigadier-General John Tillotson, who is the senior Brigadier-General, and will act as commandant of the seventh division of the militia of this state, in the absence of Major-General Hall.

The non-commissioned officers and privates must severally appear at the place of rendezvous, armed with a musket or rifle, and equipments accordingly, and with a knapsack, blanket, canteen, and necessary clothing. Tents and camp equipage will be provided, and will be ready for the use of the regiment at the times and places of rendezvous.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ANTHONY LAMB,
Aid-de-Camp.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, New-York, August 19th, 1812.

The existing state of war between the United States of America and the territories thereof, and the Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, and its dependen-

cies, together with the withdrawal of the greatest part of the regular troops of the United States from the harbor of New-York, have produced an emergency in which it is proper for the Commander in Chief to call into service any portion of the militia of the state, according to the provisions of the militia law of this state. And whereas, to provide for the said emergency, a requisition has been made for a certain number of the artillery and infantry of the state of New-York, by the President of the United States, pursuant to the act of Congress in that case made and provided, and passed the 28th day of February, 1795. Now, therefore, by reason of the premises, and for the protection and defence of the said city of New-York, the Commander in Chief directs that the following companies of artillery and light infantry rendezvous for the said service, equipped according to law, on Thursday, the 27th day of August instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places hereafter mentioned, viz.

Captain Walker's	Company	of Artillery,	at the city of Albany,
Wigton's	do.	do.	Hudson,
Stocking's	do.	do.	Village of Cattskill,
Nelson's	do.	do.	Poughkeepsie,
Butterworth's	do.	do.	Newburgh,
Buckley's	do.	of Light Infantry,	at the city of Albany,
Dubois	do.	do.	Village of Catskill,
Pierson's	do.	do.	Athens.
Wilson's	do.	do.	Poughkeepsie,
Lawson's	do.	do.	Do.
Denniston's	do.	do.	Newburgh,
Birdsall's	do.	do.	Do.

The particular houses at which the respective companies shall rendezvous will be selected by the respective commandants of the said companies.

Each company must remain in its place of rendezvous, ready to embark, until the most northerly companies shall arrive and fire a signal gun.

The troops embraced in this order are destined for the fortifications on Staten-Island, and will be liable to continue in the service of the United States for the term of *ninety days* from the time of their meeting at the place of rendezvous, unless sooner discharged.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

WILLIAM PAULDING, Jun.

Adjutant-General.

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STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, New-York, August 22, 1812.

Captain Hartell's company of light infantry, being volunteers under the act of Congress, passed the 6th of February last, will rendezvous on Monday, the 31st of August instant, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the service of the United States, pursuant to the requisition of the President. Their destination will be Fort Tompkins, on Staten-Island; but they will remain embodied in the city of New-York until further orders.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

J. W. LIVINGSTON,

Lieut. Colonel and Aid-de-Camp.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, Aug. 26, 1812.

Pursuant to a requisition of General Armstrong, by the authority of the President of the United States, three companies, of forty-nine men each, belonging to the 33d brigade of infantry of this state, are to be

formed and put into the service of the United States, for the defence of the county of Suffolk. One company of foot artillery will be stationed at Sagg-Harbor, to protect the arsenal and to manœuvre the cannon stored at the place, in case of an emergency. One company of infantry, and another of horse artillery or cavalry, will be ordered into service from the said brigade, and be disposed of for the defence of Suffolk county, as may be directed by Brigadier-General Rose. General Rose will also assign the officers of the said companies, station the said company of infantry, and horse artillery or cavalry, as he may deem most useful for the protection of the inhabitants of Suffolk county; and will, in other respects, regulate the organization and destination thereof. The said companies will be subject to the orders of General Armstrong, at the city of New-York, to whom the commandants of said companies will report themselves, and from whom they will receive further instructions and orders.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ROBERT MACOMB,

Lieut. Colonel and Aid-de-Camp.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, August 27, 1812.

In pursuance of a requisition made by the authority of the President of the United States, the sixth brigade of the detached militia of this state, commanded by Brigadier-General Daniel Miller, of Cortlandt county, and composed of the regiments whereof Farrand Stranahan and Thompson Mead, are Lieutenant-Colonels Commandants; and also the ninth regiment of the third detached brigade of infantry, to the command of which Peter I. Vosburg has been as-

signed as Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, are hereby ordered into the service of the United States, and will rendezvous for that purpose, by battalions, on Tuesday, the 8th day of September next, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, at such places as the respective commandants of the said detached regiments shall assign for that purpose.

The non-commissioned officers and privates must appear completely equipped, with their own clothing, and a musket or rifle, cartridge-box, knapsack, blanket and canteen. Tents, camp-kettles, and the means of transporting baggage, will be ready on the day and at the respective places of rendezvous.

The volunteers, and men drafted from the rifle battalion of Rensselaer county, from Captain Waterman's light infantry at Hudson, and from the two light infantry companies at Troy, are excepted from, and will not rendezvous with, the detached corps above mentioned, but will remain and march with their said respective companies, as may be directed by future general orders.

The officers, non-commissioned officers or privates, who shall refuse a prompt compliance with this order, will be dealt with as directed by the act of Congress, passed the 28th day of February, 1795, of which a copy is annexed. The Commander in Chief flatters himself that no one will be so unmindful of the duty and honor of a citizen soldier, as to incur the penalties of the said act, but that on the contrary a unanimous disposition will prevail to manifest the promptitude and efficacy of a patriotic militia, when called to the service of their country.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ROBERT MACOMB,

Lieut. Colonel and Aid.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, New-York, Sept. 3, 1812.

The state of the city and harbor of New-York having made it necessary to order into the service of the United States, a part of the militia of this state; and a requisition having been made by authority of the President of the United States, for a certain portion of the said militia, under the act of Congress of the 28th of February, 1795, and also for a part of the quota of the state of New-York of one hundred thousand militia, according to the act of Congress, passed the 10th of April, 1812, the Commander in Chief is therefore pleased to direct, that the first and second detached regiments of infantry, and the first brigade of artillery, under the command of Brigadier-General Morton, (except the horse artillery of the said brigade, and the companies of foot artillery in Suffolk county,) rendezvous, on the fifteenth instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in manner following, that is to say: the said brigade of artillery will assemble at such place in the city of New-York as Brigadier-General Morton shall direct by brigade orders; and the said regiments of infantry at such place or places as their respective commandants shall direct in regimental orders.

Captain Piercey's volunteer troop of cavalry, of Major Warner's squadron, and Captain Stryker's company of riflemen, in King's county, are also ordered into service, and will rendezvous with Lieutenant-Colonel Van Beuren's detached regiment, as part thereof, and under his orders.

The above mentioned corps are to be encamped in the city of New-York, or King's county, and will be subject to the orders of General Armstrong, to whom the Brigade-Quarter-Master of artillery, and the Regimental-Quarter-Masters of infantry, will seasonably apply for instructions relative to the supply of Quarter-master stores, camp equipage, and other needful articles for the accommodation of the said troops.

The men detached from the company of riflemen lately commanded by Captain Munson, from the company of riflemen commanded by Captain Seaman, and from the battalion of riflemen lately commanded by Major M'Clure, are hereby excepted from, and will not rendezvous with, Colonel Van Beuren's detached regiment, but will hereafter march with their respective companies as may be prescribed in future general orders.

The Commander in Chief indulges a sanguine expectation that the object of the present requisition, being the protection of the southern frontier of this state, will excite a lively interest amongst the patriotic officers, soldiers and citizens, of the southern district, and will call forth their united influence and exertions to cause all the troops called into service by this order, to be furnished with complete equipments and accommodations, and to rendezvous with punctuality and cheerfulness.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Albany, 15th Sept. 1812.

The officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, of Captain Lyon's and Captain Higbee's companies of light infantry, of Troy; of Captain Warner's light infantry company, Columbia county, and of Captain Birdsall's company of riflemen, of Watervliet, Albany county, are hereby, conformably to directions by authority of the President of the United States, and pursuant to the act of Congress in that case made and provided, passed the 28th day of February, 1795, ordered into public service, to rendezvous for that purpose at the Park, in the village of Troy, on Friday next, 18th instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. Lieutenant Sampson, of Troy, will re-

port himself to the Commander in Chief, at head-quarters in Albany, on Thursday morning next, at ten o'clock, to receive the necessary camp equipage, advances to defray the expense of transportation, and instructions relative to the duties of Quarter-Master for said detachment. The destination of the four companies before mentioned is Plattsburgh, in the county of Clinton. The senior officer present will command the detachment from the time of its assemblage at Troy, until its arrival at Plattsburgh, where he will report himself, and the corps under his command, to Brigadier-General Bloomfield, the commandant on that station, and will receive and obey his orders. Captain Emigh's troop of cavalry are directed to assemble on the same day, place and hour, from whence they will also proceed to Plattsburgh, and be reported as aforesaid by the Captain. Captain Emigh will receive, at the place of rendezvous, the necessary camp equipage, and advances to defray the expenses of transportation and foraging from

Captain Brown's company of artillery, of Pittstown, Rensselaer county; Captain Drake's company of artillery, of Waterford, Saratoga county; Captain Mott's company of artillery, of Stillwater, Saratoga county; and Captain King's company of artillery, of Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county, under and pursuant to the authority and act aforesaid, will also assemble on Friday next, at Waterford, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, from whence they will proceed, under the command of the senior officer present, to Sackett's Harbor, in the county of Jefferson, and receive and obey the orders of the commanding officer at that station. Captain Lemen Foot's company of artillery, of Milton, Saratoga county, will assemble on the day and hour above mentioned, and as part of the artillery detachment destined for Sackett's Harbor, at such place as Captain Foot may, in company orders, designate, and will join the said detachment at such point of their march as may be directed by the Quarter-Master thereof. Lieutenant Fowler will officiate

as such Quarter-Master, and will attend at head-quarters in Albany on Thursday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to receive camp equipage and the means of transporting said detachment.

All the artillery, infantry, cavalry and riflemen, embraced in this order, are to appear completely equipped, with the uniform and arms of their respective corps, and with ordinary or fatigue clothing, a knapsack, blanket and canteen.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

ANTHONY LAMB, *Aid-de-Camp.*

[DOCUMENT C.]

War Department, March 28th, 1812.

Sir,

In case it shall, in the opinion of your Excellency, be practicable to raise the troops required by my letter of the 24th instant, under the act of Congress of the 6th February, authorising the President to accept the services of Volunteers, that description of force will be preferred for the service.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Excellency's ob't. serv't.
W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins.

(ABSTRACT.)

Albany, April 29th, 1812.

Dear Sir,

The general order, of which the enclosed is a copy, will inform you of your orders to proceed immediately to your post at Niagara, or near it. If a part of the detachment can be accommodated at Buf

faloe, and a part at Lewiston, you may remain a few days at those places with your field officers and all your regiment, except two or three companies, which may be sent to the forts and put under the command of Captain Leonard. I mention this merely to provide for the event of Captain Leonard's having received no instructions to receive your whole regiment into the garrison, or to respect your authority as an officer in actual service of superior grade to himself. Should that objection be obviated, however, before your arrival at Buffaloe, the precaution mentioned above may not be necessary, but you will at once repair to and assume the command of the post and district accordingly. It will be well to leave some trusty and active officer, non-commissioned officer or private at Canandaigua to receive despatches for you, and take them on after you. I have written to the Secretary of War for information as to the object and duties of the detachment, and upon receiving an answer will address you at Canandaigua, which letter the person left behind will receive and convey to you immediately.

I am, dear sir, with esteem,

Your ob't. serv't.

Lt. Col. Philetus Swift.

War Department, May 3d, 1812.

SIR,

To accommodate the detachment of militia it may become necessary to make advances of money on account of their pay and clothing; two months pay and an advance of sixteen dollars on account of clothing, have been authorised for the *Volunteers* from the state of Ohio. Should a similar advance be deemed expedient to those from N. York, your Excellency will be pleased to consider the au-

thority to draw on this department covering the object.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your Excellency's
Ob't. serv't.
W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins.

(EXTRACT.)

War Department, May 8th, 1812.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 30th of April.

Lieut. Col. Swift will supercede Capt. Leonard in the command of the Niagara frontier. The object of the expedition as stated in my letter of March 24th, is to afford protection to defend the northern frontier against any *invasion* which may be attempted. The critical state of our relations with Great-Britain, suggested the expediency of placing this force on that exposed frontier, and by the instructions of this department it will appear that offensive operations were not expected from the troops called out by your Excellency.

I have the honor to be, &c.
W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,
Albany.

(EXTRACT.)

Albany, May 11, 1812.

DEAR SIR,

I last night received your letter, accepting the command of the Black River detachment. The troops of whom you have the command are neither intended to enforce the embargo act, nor to pursue any offen-

sive operations, but are merely an advanced corps to defend and protect the frontiers from invasion. This object is repeated in a communication from the war department, received by me last night. Of course the only duty the troops will have to perform, until invasion may happen or further orders be received, is to improve themselves diligently in discipline, tactics and the police of a camp, and in rendering their quarters, parade ground and other accommodations, as convenient and perfect as possible.

I am, dear sir,
Your ob't. serv't.
DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

Lieut. Col. Bellinger.

War Department, May 26, 1812.

SIR,

I am directed by the President to request your Excellency to order into actual service, on the requisition of General Bloomfield, such part of the quota of the militia of the state of New-York, required by my letter of the 15th of April, as may be deemed necessary for the defence of the city and harbor of New-York.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your ob't. servant,
W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency D. D. Tompkins,
Albany.

Extract of an order directed to Lieut. Colonel Fleming, Commandant at Oswego.

"*Albany, June 5,* 1812.

"DEAR SIR,

"I have assigned a District-Paymaster, who is by this time at Canandaigua, on his way to Niagara, to pay that detachment; from whence he will proceed

immediately to Oswego, and advance two months pay, subsistence, forage and clothing, to your corps, which I hope will be satisfactory to them.

"By advices which I have received from Washington, it appears that your services and duties will be solely confined to the defence and protection of the frontiers against invasion. Of course you have nothing to do until further occurrences, but to discipline the detachment, and endeavor to make their accommodations comfortable.

"I am, &c.

"DANIEL D. TOMPKINS.

"Lt. Colonel George Fleming."

"P. S. I beg leave to mention that it would be well to open a correspondence with Lieut. Col. Philetus Swift, who commands at Niagara, and with Lieut. Col. Christopher P. Bellinger, who commands at or near Sackett's Harbor, and to lay the foundation for concert in operations and facility of communication, in the event of hostile movements against either point.

D. D. T."

War Department, June 19, 1812.

Sir,

War is declared against Great-Britain. Your Excellency will please to send an express with this intelligence to the commandants of the troops on the frontiers of New-York.

Very respectfully, Sir,

Your Excellency's ob't. serv't.

W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,
Albany.

Head-Quarters, Boston, June 23d, 1812.

His Excellency DANIEL D. TOMPKINS,

SIR,

As war has been declared, and as I have received no information as to the measures that have been taken for the immediate protection of our northern frontier, I have ordered Colonel Clark, of Vermont, to take immediate measures, in concert with your Excellency and Governor Gaiusha, for assembling at least five hundred men on the lines between Vermont and Canada, and an equal force between that part of your state which borders on Lake Champlain and Canada. I know you will afford every aid in carrying into effect such an indispensable measure. The Quarter-Master-General will furnish the necessary camp equipage, and the contractors will supply the rations, on being notified that they will be wanted. I have ordered the rendezvous at Willsborough to be removed to Plattsburgh. We shall have enough to do; and I trust that all hearts and hands will be ready to afford every aid, and to prosecute the war vigorously, and to such an honorable and successful termination as will ensure to our beloved country a long and happy peace.

With great respect, I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's most ob't. serv't.

H. DEARBORN.

War Department, June 26, 1812.

SIR,

I am directed by the President to request your Excellency to order into the service of the United States, on the requisition of Major-General Dearborn, such portion of the militia of the state of New-York,

conformably to the act of April 10th, 1812, as he may require for the defence of the frontier.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, Sir,
Your ob't serv't.

W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency D. D. Thompkins,
Albany, N. Y.

(EXTRACT.)

War Department, July 3d, 1812.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's letter of June 27th, and to inform you that all your arrangements for calling out and providing for the militia, are highly approved by the President.

Arms, equipments, tents and other camp equipage have been ordered to the Quarter-Master-General at Albany, to whom, and any other officer or agent of the government, having munitions of war necessary for the troops called into service through your Excellency, and not otherwise directed; in relation to such applies this will be sufficient authority to furnish on your requisition. As the principal force to be immediately relied on, will consist of Militia, your Excellency is authorised to order into service Major-General Van Rensselaer, or such other experienced general officer as the service on the frontier may require.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, your Excellency's
Obedient servant.

W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,
Albany.

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, August 6th, 1812.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,

Sir,

Agreeably to the result of our conference this morning, I take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to order into the service of the United States, two thousand six hundred of the detached militia of N. York, duly officered; one thousand of them to join the troops at Niagara, eight hundred of them at Sackett's Harbour and on the upper St. Lawrence, and eight hundred to join the troops at Plattsburgh. The Quarter-Master-General will be ordered to furnish tents, and the means of transportation of the necessary baggage.

With great respect, I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most ob't. serv't.

H. DEARBORN, *Maj. Gen'l.*

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, August 9th, 1812.

His Excellency Governor Tompkins,

Sir,

Being duly authorised by the President of the United States, I take the liberty of requesting your Excellency to order out an additional number of troops, to reinforce those now on the frontier of this state, for Niagara one thousand including officers; to Sacket's Harbour, Ogdensburgh and Plattsburgh, sixteen hundred, or two thousand six hundred in the whole, to be sent to the frontier of this state, in such proportions as may be found most expedient. Your Excellency will readily perceive the necessity of ordering the men to appear as fully armed and equipped as possible. The troops should be correctly mustered at their respective rendezvous, and there should not be an undue proportion of officers.

With the highest respect,

I am your Excellency's

Ob't. humble serv't.

H. DEARBORN.

War Department, August 11th, 1812.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that Brigadier-General Armstrong has relieved General Bloomfield, in the command at New-York.

Very respectfully, I remain,
Sir, your ob't. serv't.

W. EUSTIS.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,
Albany.

(EXTRACT.)

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, August 13, 1812.

His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins,

SIR,

I have, by the last mail, received authority from the President of the United States, to call on the Governors of the states, where a force is required, under the act of Congress of the 28th of February, 1795, for such numbers of the militia at large as may be necessary for immediate operations on the frontiers. I am also authorised to call on any commanding officers of a division or brigade, in the vicinity where a force is required, to organize and place at my dioposal, such numbers of the Militia, as I may deem necessary for immediate service.

I now propose for your consideration, the following enclosed memoranda, and I will thank your Excellency for your opinion in regard to the numbers I have proposed for the respective places. I shall call on the Governor of Pennsylvania for 1500 men, to be sent to Niagara, from the northern frontier of that state: but I should not think it advisable to reduce the number to be turned out by this state, as we shall not have too large a number.

With great respect, I am,
Your Excellency's ob't. serv't.

H. DEARBORN.

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, August 18, 1812.

Governor Tompkins,

Will your Excellency please to inform me what number of arms will really be necessary for the detached militia which I have requested you to order into the service of the United States, in addition to those they will probobly themselves have, and those which can be supplied by the state. Will it not be most convenient for the transportation of the baggage that your Quarter-Master-General should have it done through his deputies, or by the regimental Quarter-Master? Will it be necessary for the United States to furnish tents for the whole of your detachments? As to knapsacks, canteens and tin cups, &c. it cannot be considered necessary for the United States to make such supplies to all the militia that may be turned out, especially when we have to pay so great a number of officers, compared with the privates. I am disposed to give every facility in my power, in whatever concerns those detachments; and I am sure your Excellency will not require supplies that can be dispensed with. Col. Fenwick is on his march to Niagara, with a detachment of light artillery, with two 18 and two 12 pounders, and two fine companies of infantry, with a supply of ammunition and intrenching tools and axes. The heavy artillery stores and infantry will go by water from Oswego, to within about twelve miles of old Niagara fort.

With great respect and consideration,
I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's ob't. serv't,
H. DEARBORN.

Head-Quarters, New-York, 18th August, 1812.

Sir,

On reconsideration of the services to be performed, as well at the Narrows, on Staten-Island, as

at Sagg-Harbor, on Long-Island. I have thought it advisable to alter and extend the requisition which I had yesterday the honor of making, so as to include an additional company of infantry for the former, and for the latter, instead of one company of horse artillery, that there be ordered out of General Rose's Brigade, 1 company of Artillery,

1 do Infantry, and
1 troop of Horse, or Horse Artillery.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Excellency's most obedient
And very humble servant.
JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Head-Quarters, Greenbush, Aug. 21, 1812.

His Excellency Governor Tompkins,

Sir,

From recent instructions received from the department of war, specially authorised by the President of the United States, it becomes necessary for me to request your Excellency to order into the service of the United States, (in addition to those now in service, and those recently ordered out,) eight hundred men for Niagara, one thousand men for Sackett's harbor and Upper St. Lawrence, and one thousand men for Plattsburgh and its vicinity. Will your Excellency please to inform me what time will be required to have the above detachments at their respective places of destination.

With great consideration,
I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's ob't. serv't.
H. DEARBORN.

Head-Quarters, New-York, 31st Aug. 1812.

SIR,

The public service rendering necessary a further requisition upon the militia of the state of New-York, under the authority of the act of Congress of the 28th of February, 1795, I have the honor to require from your Excellency a detachment consisting of four regiments of artillery, and two regiments of infantry, to rendezvous on the 15th of the next month at the battery, or such other place in the vicinity, at this city, as may be hereafter indicated.

I have the honor to offer to your Excellency, the assurance of my great respect and consideration.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,

Brig. Gen. Commanding at New-York and its dependencies.

Albany, September 9th, 1812.

SIR,

Several pieces of ordnance, &c. will leave this for Utica on Thursday, with a detachment of United States' horse artillery. They will arrive at Utica about Tuesday next. The ordnance is to go from thence to Sackett's harbor, but the detachment will proceed to Niagara. General Dearborn has made a requisition for me to have a detachment of artillery, or horse artillery, ready at Utica to escort the ordnance to Sackett's harbor. Your company will rendezvous for that purpose on Monday next, and proceed to Utica, where they will remain till the cannon shall arrive, and then immediately start with them for Sackett's harbor, and press on with the greatest diligence. There will be a travelling forge for heating shot to fire at shipping from the fort, at the harbor.

The contractor at Utica will supply rations, and you will consult Captain Gibson as to the mode of supplying forage and other articles on your journey.

Captain Gibson is an experienced officer of the United States' horse artillery.

The services of your company are required under and pursuant to the act of Congress, passed 28th February, 1795, of which I send you a copy.

Until your arrival at Utica you will have your men supplied with provisions and forage as cheap as possible, after which the contractor at Utica will supply provisions, and your own officer will prepare forage. You may take the field pieces and other articles attached to your company, or such part as you think proper, along with you. Mr. Tracy will hand you one hundred dollars to defray the incidental expenses of rendezvousing, for which you are to account to me with vouchers as soon as possible.

The alarm and anxiety upon the frontiers, arising from the disasters at Detroit, compel me to require the services of the uniform volunteer companies immediately; and I trust the protection of women and children, who may, but for their assistance, be the victims of savage barbarity, will stimulate the patriotism and awaken the paternal feelings of every man, and induce a free, eager and unanimous compliance with this requisition.

I am, dear sir, your ob't. serv't.

Captain Asa B. Sizer.

P. S. On your arrival at Sackett's harbor you will report yourself to General Jacob Brown, or General Dodge, whichever may command there, and obey the orders of the one so commanding.

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